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SUBJECT: PL 480 NEGOTIATIONS: PRESS REPORTS

INDIAN PRESS CARRIED REUTERS REPORT FROM WASHINGTON THAT
NEGOTIATIONS FOR 300,000 PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAM BEING HELD UP DUE
TO INDIAN REFUSAL TO ACCEPT USG CONDITION BARRING EXPORT OF WHEAT.
THE REPORT GOES ON TO QUOTE INDIAN SOURCES IN WASHINGTON AS STATING
THAT WHILE THE SOVIET UNION HAS NOT YET ASKED FOR REPAYMENT OF THE
2 MILLION TON LOAN, AN AGREEMENT AS PROPOSED BY THE USG
WOULD RUN COUNTER TO INDIAN EXISTING OBLIGATIONS.

INDIAN EXPRESS STORY GOES ON TO QUOTE GOI SOURCES HERE TO EFFECT
THAT THERE IS LITTLE LIKLIHOOD THAT INDIA COULD REPAY THE SOVIET
CREDIT AS SCHEDULED. HOWEVER, ANY RENOGOTIATION WITH MOSCOW WOULD
"ACQUIRE A DIFFERENT COMPLEXION" IF BROUGHT ABOUT BY USG REQUIRE-
MENTS. THE REPORT CITES OTHER STANDARD PL 480 REQUIREMENTS SUCH
AS USG ABILITY TO ACCEPT PAYMENT IN RUPEES, USE OF FUNDS GENERATED
BY SALE OF WHEAT, REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, ETC. AS ALSO POSING
NEGOTIATING DIFFICULTIES.MOYNIHAN

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